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Applicant(s): Marvin L. VESTAL et al.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004, ("the Office Action"), Applicant submits the following Amendment in Response to Non-final Office Action ("this Response"). Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.